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FOR: PLANT FERTILIZER COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING PHOSPHONATE AND  
PHOSPHATE SALTS AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the March 19, 1999, Office Action, the following amendment is submitted:

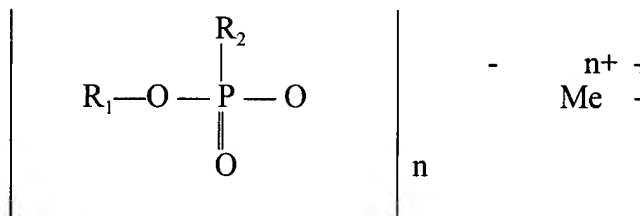
~~IN THE SPECIFICATION~~

On page 16 at line 25 change "alkynyl" to --alkynyl-- and "halogen-substituted alkynyl" to  
~~halogen-substituted alkynyl~~

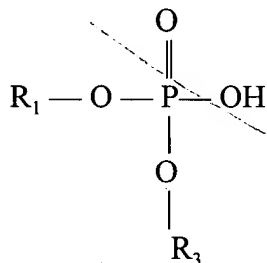
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2x (Amended) A composition for fertilizing comprising:

enhanced growth stimulating effective amounts of at least a first salt [having the  
following formula:



selected from the group consisting of  $KH_2PO_3$ ,  $K_2HPO_3$ ,  $K_3PO_3$ ,  $NH_3H_2PO_3$ , and  $(NH_3)_2HPO_3$  and a second salt [having the following formula:



where R1 is selected from the group consisting of H, K, an alkyl radical containing from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, halogen-substituted alkyl or nitro-substituted alkyl radical, an alkenyl, halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, halogen-substituted alkynyl, alkoxy-substituted alkyl radical, and ammonium substituted by alkyl or hydroxy alkyl radicals;

R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are selected from the group consisting of H and K;

Me is selected from the group consisting of K, alkaline earth metal cations, aluminum atom, and ammonium cation; and n is a whole number from 1 to 3, equal to the valence of Me]

selected from the group consisting of  $KH_2PO_4$ ,  $K_2HPO_4$ ,  $K_3PO_4$ ,  $NH_3H_2PO_4$ , and  $(NH_3)_2HPO_4$  and  $K_3PO_4$

HPO<sub>4</sub>